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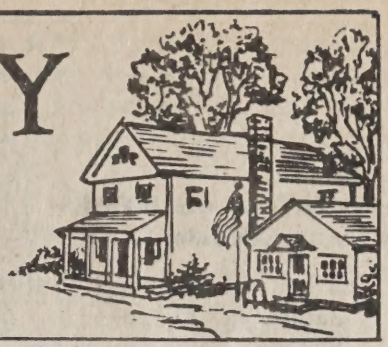


NOVEMBER 1982

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST HOSTS SOVIET STUDENTS

Seven young Soviet college students and their faculty advisor Professor Iraida Vorontsova were guests at the Monterey community dinner in the social room of the United Church of Christ on Wednesday, October 27. Following a more-than-ample covered dish supper there was a program of music, and some gift presentations, and then the students answered questions.

Responding to questions, the students said that their country had been through World War II, and that 20 million Soviet people had been killed, "so it is natural that we are against war, and it is not necessary for our people or our government to be convinced of the need for peace." Responding to a question about the Soviet action in Afghanistan, the oldest of the young students said that his country and Afghanistan are both members of the United Nations, whose charter allows one country to help another if it is asked to do so. Questioned later in a discussion that took place after the dinner had ended, another of the students pointed out that the Afghanistan government has always been friendly to the Soviet Union, and that friendly governments on the border are necessary because "the Soviet Union was invaded by 18 different countries immediately after the Revolution of 1917."

Church organist Mary Anne Carter played Russian folk songs on the piano, and members of the audience joined in singing to the tune of *Dark Eyes* (*Utchie Chornia*). Almost 80 people were present at the dinner, including a few visitors from neighboring towns. Carl Chiaretto, a Pittsfield resident and peace activist, presented the students with a gift of two bottles of homemade wine "as a token of the friendship between the people of both our nations."

The students are language majors from the Thorez Institute in Moscow, and they are now at the State University of New York in Albany, as part of an exchange program conducted by the U. S. State Department. The dinner marked the fourth time in recent years that Soviet students have been guests in Monterey. On one such occasion, when they were hosted at the Gould Farm, they were served dinner and given a tour of the premises.

MODEL FOOD PROJECT TO BE PRESENTED AT COMMUNITY DINNER

The Cooperative Extension Service at the University of Massachusetts has proposed that the people of Monterey design a model project which addresses the problem of low food production and high food imports in Massachusetts. At meetings on October 12 and November 3, a group of Monterey residents met with Extension Service specialists to discuss how to set up programs and activities in town which will enhance an awareness of food systems in the United States as well as increase food production in Monterey and in Berkshire County. It is hoped that the model project may be replicated throughout the Commonwealth.

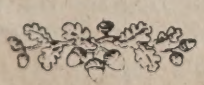
Plans for the project will be presented at the December 1 Community Dinner. Those from Monterey who participated in the planning process were Virgil Brallier, Ellen Pearson, Susan Sellew, Mary Ward, Wayne Dunlop, Bonner McAllester, Milly Walsh, Sally Conklin, and Maynard Forbes. Extension Service personnel were Cathy Roth, Extension Agent; Duane Dale, Systems Specialist; and Walter Melnack, Vegetable Specialist.

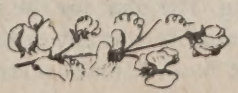
DEER SEASON AND DEER LIMIT EXPANDED

According to the Fish and Wildlife Service, Shotgun Deer Season for 1982 will include the period of time between November 29 and December 8 with the exclusion of Sunday. Archery season is from November 1 to November 20, and primitive firearm season from December 20 to 22. Hunters are allowed two deer this season, only one of which may be antlerless. The reason for this change is to attempt to harvest more bucks, therefore keeping the deer population in Massachusetts well managed.

HEARING ON TAXES FOR 1983

A public hearing called by the Monterey Selectmen to discuss the percentages of the local tax levy for fiscal year 1983 to be borne by each class of property in Monterey will be held at 8:00 p.m. on Monday, November 22, 1982, at the Town Offices.





CATHOLIC CHURCHES
Masses Schedule

Our Lady of the Valley, Sheffield
Saturday, 5:30 p.m.
Sunday, 7:30 and 10:30 a.m.
Immaculate Conception, Mill River
Sunday, 10:00 a.m.

UNITED CHURCH OF CHRIST
Worship and Regular Meetings

Morning worship each Sunday at 10:30 a.m. with child-care at same time in the Social Room. Choir rehearsal, Tuesdays, 7:00 p.m., at the Church. Meditation and prayer, Thursdays, 7:30 a.m. in the Social Room. All are invited. Prayer group, Thursdays, 7:45 p.m., at the home of Lucy Smith.

COMMUNION OFFERING TO CHRISTIAN CENTER

In connection with the celebration of Holy Communion on Sunday, November 7, the congregation brought communion offerings of food to be presented to the Christian Center in Pittsfield. As the bread and wine were brought forward by Christopher and Mimi Caulfield and their children Jason and Joshua, the other communicants brought gifts of canned and packaged food. All of the gifts were blessed by Dr. Virgil V. Brallier, who was officiating. The Mission Committee, under the chairmanship of Mary Ward, sees such offerings as a true fulfillment of the commission of Christ to serve one another in the world.

CHRISTIAN EDUCATION COMMITTEE ACTIVE

The Christian Education Committee has been particularly active over the past few weeks. The Committee is looking forward to starting a new pre-school class, and then to adding other grades as plans are developed. The chairperson of the Christian Education Committee is Mimi Caulfield. Working with her are Joan Boyer and Judith Freeman.

PARISH COUNCIL ENDORSES FAST FOR WORLD HUNGER

The Parish Council has endorsed participation in the OxFam America observance of the Fast for a World Harvest. The day is Thursday, November 18, a week before Thanksgiving. The plan for the day is that persons either do not eat at all for the day or eat only very simple, small amounts of food. Monies saved by observing the fast will be sent to OxFam America.

OxFam is one of the world's oldest and most respected hunger organizations. The principal thrust of their program is to help underdeveloped areas of the world develop greater food self-sufficiency. The church is encouraging all others in the community, who are willing, to engage in the Fast for a World Harvest. Contributions of families who do participate may be sent directly to OxFam America, or the church will be happy to transmit such funds from the community to OxFam.

REPORT ON THE ENDING HUNGER BRIEFING

The good news about World Hunger is that there is enough food to feed everyone on the planet! Hunger is not inevitable! This news was broadcast at an Ending Hunger Briefing at Alice and Arthur Somers' Rock Ridge on Saturday, November 6, by Jeffrey Keahon, Regional Coordinator for The Hunger Project of New York State. Thirteen people attended the five-hour briefing, during which not only the facts of hunger were discussed but the assumptions people hold regarding these facts were examined.

The facts indicate that since World War II an ever-increasing number of countries are solving the issue of hunger in an ever-decreasing amount of time. There are solutions! The assumptions held by many—that there are too many people, not enough food, no solutions—have been proven incorrect.

The various solutions have occurred in differing climates, political and economic regimes, with different agricultural techniques in both rural and urban settings. There is, however, a common theme in all solutions . . . self-sufficiency. Redistribution of food (e.g., from U. S. to Africa) is seen as only an emergency measure.

The participants learned that the Brandt Commission, reflecting views put forth by both the U. S. Presidential Commission on World Hunger and the National Academy of Sciences, stated in 1980, "Mankind has never before had such ample technical and financial resources for coping with hunger and poverty. The immense task can be tackled once the necessary collective will is mobilized. What is necessary can be done and must be done."

The briefing ended with a discussion of how the commitment to ending hunger could be mobilized. Mr. Keahon indicated that to begin we must "first and foremost inform people that 'HUNGER EXISTS. IT DOESN'T NEED TO. YOU CAN MAKE THE DIFFERENCE.' " Writing letters to newspapers, political representatives; talking about these facts; spreading this good news; hosting other Hunger Project briefings; prayer; financial support for groups working to end hunger; work within political structures for legislation . . . all these are ways people can support the end of hunger on our planet by the year 2000.

— Penelope Young Hellman

DON'T BE AFRAID TO BE HUMAN!

The title of this article comes from a poster. A rather strange admonition addressed to humans, wouldn't you say? Yet maybe there is a wisdom in these words that strikes deeper than we first imagine. When we consider the wide range of feelings and experiences we humans are capable of, it is not surprising that we find persons "afraid to be human." Let us look at some of the things that come with being human.

Humans experience both "mountains and valleys"—emotionally, that is. We have high experiences but we also have low ones. This comes with our basic human constitution, and there is no known system to wholly eliminate our participation in the varying experiences that sometimes land us on mountaintops and sometimes send us through valleys of questioning and despair. I may be ashamed of this—assuming I should have faith or some other inner balance wheel that would eliminate my heights and my depths. Why should I be afraid or ashamed of this characteristically human dilemma? To be sure, there is pain and sometimes fear in not being in control of the range of feelings that flow through us. We may begin to feel we are defective or wrong because these mountaintops or valleys seem to happen to us and we don't see what we did to cause them. Many, many are the puzzlements people have over these high and low feelings. One thing is sure: if we find out what others around us feel, very few are the persons who do not know mountains and valleys. Why? Who really knows? There is a view that life is a pilgrimage and the changing emotional terrain over which we travel teaches us something about how to travel. Maybe being human is a journey. And maybe the best thing we can do is to increase our skill in traveling. If so, these mountains and valleys really do put us to the test.

Another thing almost all human experience is periods of loneliness. I wonder if the poster maker had loneliness in mind when he/she spread before our eyes the words "Don't be afraid to be human"? Most of us at heart think loneliness is a curse and we seek to be done with it as quickly as possible. How many of the frenetic activities in this world testify of the passion of persons to break out of their loneliness. Yet the mystery of individuality is rooted in everyone. You can never know what it is like to be me, and I can never know what it is like to be you. Share words and common activities as much as we will, still there remain spaces over which none of us can pass. So it turns out that loneliness is one of the most universal complaints people have. Yet if loneliness is that universal, the message does come through, we should stop being afraid of it. It is a norm for being human. Surely we should get the message that loneliness is not abnormal when everyone we know experiences it. Because loneliness is painful we want to get rid of it. Therein lies the rub. Let's ask the question, "Is there some good use we can make of loneliness?" The very presence of loneliness is an invitation to go more deeply within. If, instead of dreading it, we embrace it, welcome it as friend instead of enemy, the chemistry begins to change. Those who choose to welcome and use loneliness learn to call it solitude. Many mystics who have gone deep within come to the dazzling experience of which they can only stammer, but it speaks of relationship and unity flowing through all things.

Finally, is there anything more universal than human suffering? Suffering takes so many forms. The news media keep us informed of the sharpest and latest examples, but they tell us little of the great masses of people suffering hunger and disease. We are informed of the calamities caused by earthquake and flood, but large parts of the world's population suffer on and on with little notice. Yet beyond these large-scale horrors, the more we know of people's experiences, the more evident it is that almost everyone has his/her own private sufferings. Religious faith does not eliminate suffering from life, nor does being born in a prosperous, well-ordered country. Suffering in some of its various forms seems to be a part of the bill of fare for humans. Was it human suffering the poster maker had in mind when declaring, "Don't be afraid to be human"? I do not expect anyone to go out and invite suffering into life. Yet it is so clearly a part of our heritage as humans that we need some way to encounter it, so that it becomes an agent for opening life to us rather than an agent for our destruction. Many are the persons who have come from suffering as though it were a refiner's fire. Jesus handled the suffering of his inflicted death so that it became a source of healing for the whole world. Many are those who followed in his way who have turned suffering into blessing.

If we could see deeply and broadly enough into the mystery of the mighty drama of our humanity, then maybe we could all make progress in not being afraid to be human.

— Virgil V. Brallier, Minister
Monterey United Church of Christ

Photograph by Donald Victor.

Mary Ward and Mrs. Edelmira Navarro, guest speaker at the United Church of Christ in October.

YOUTH NEWS

Cub Scouts

The Cub Scouts have three different sections this year! The highest level is run by Mrs. Marsha Harvey, of Southfield. This den includes John Pizzichemi, Tom Harvey, Leonard Bushey, D. J. Streeter, Kenny Nicholson, and Paul Bynack. It's called the Webeloes and it meets every Tuesday. On the fifth of November they will have their first Pack meeting at 6:30 p.m. at the Ladies Aid Hall in Southfield.

The second group is run by Mrs. Goewey, of Mill River. This group includes Mark Phillips, Sean Storti, Kenneth Pratt, Tony Menard, Richard Goewey, and Shane Stevens. These boys are working toward their Bob Cat Badge, which they will be receiving on Friday night, November 5.

And last, but not least, is the newest group in the Cub Scouts. This new addition, the Tiger Club Den, is run by Mrs. Claudette Callahan. It is the first time second graders have been able to join the Cub Scouts. Members of this group are Chris Callahan, Mike Ohman, Asa Hardcastle, Colin Storti, and Kip Loder. In this group a parent must come to each meeting with his/her son. The den meets at different houses every two weeks. The first meetings were at Chris Callahan's and then Michael Ohman's. The next couple of meetings will be at Colin's and Asa's houses. Welcome to the Tigers!

Photograph by Susan McAllester

A GOOD HALLOWEEN IN MONTEREY

Reports from celebrants indicate that festivities on Halloween this year provided everyone a good time. According to Ellen Whitbeck, the hayride given by the Monterey Police Department was very successful. About 30 to 40 people piled into a big hay wagon and rode from Monterey to Hartsville and back, with detours around Gould Farm. Afterwards, everyone was served hot chocolate, cider and donuts in the social room of the church.

The preschoolers were entertained early in the evening after a light stint of trick-or-treating up and down Main Street. Connie Amstead and Virgil Brallier hosted a little party with Halloween games and snacks for an hour or so before the hayride began.

NEWS FROM NEW MARLBOROUGH CENTRAL SCHOOL

Grade 2 has been very busy this month. They have finished their unit on insects. The bulletin board has been decorated beautifully with their brightly-colored imaginary insects. They have started a unit on seeds and next week will see a film on seed dispersal. Mrs. O'Connell, with the help of Joan Wilcox, school nurse, has begun the dental program. The children have learned how to brush properly, what foods promote good dental health and how to prevent cavities by eating and brushing well. Each child was given a toothbrush and a tube of toothpaste and brushing after lunch is now a part of their day.

The New Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department presented a program of fire safety and prevention to the children on October 25. It was coordinated with the help of Paul Harvey, assistant chief; Bill Poulson, fireman; and two Explorer Scouts from Post 78 in New Marlborough. There were demonstrations consisting of five stations: telephoning the fire department and giving directions to one's home; rolling on a balloon to practice rolling out a fire; viewing different types of smoke and fire alarms; crawling under a sheet (smoke) when awakened during a fire by a smoke alarm. The fourth graders were also able to use fire extinguishers to put out a real fire in the schoolyard. This is the second year that the New Marlborough Volunteer Fire Department has presented this program at the school as a part of National Fire Prevention Week.

Roberta Roy and her fourth-grade class prepared a pancake breakfast on Friday, October 22, as a part of an interdisciplinary lesson combining nutrition, science, and mathematics. Thomas Consolati, superintendent of the Southern Berkshire Regional School District, was the guest of honor. The children planned the breakfast, which combined three essential food groups and a low budget meal.

On October 29 all of the classes had their Halloween parties. First and second grade presented a program on the Halloween holiday. First grade did some small group poems and the second grade sang "The Twelve Days of Halloween." This was one of the rare times the party was able to be held outdoors. The children all paraded around after the program to show their costumes to one another and then returned to their classes for goodies assembled by the many room mothers.

Early last week the first-grade class of Mrs. Jeannot Heyman delighted themselves, their families and the staff with the discovery that they could *read*! *Real* words!!

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GOULD FARM NEWS

Neil Luberoff has joined our staff, beginning the middle of October. He is designated to be our "director of Boston area programs." He will administer our residence in Lincoln, Massachusetts. That residence is known as Farrington House and uses the large house and eighty acres of land belonging to Farrington Memorial, another nonprofit charitable organization. Farrington House provides a residence for up to twenty Gould Farm graduates who are expected to find full-time competitive employment in the area. Neil will also be implementing a program of co-operative apartments. We see the Farm, Farrington House, and the apartments as progressive steps toward independence for some of those who start our Gould Farm program.

Neil began his work with us with a full week's visit at the Farm from October 18 to 24. His wife, Robin, joined him on Friday, October 22. Robin is an attorney who has worked with the Massachusetts Department of Mental Health and who wrote the current licensing regulations for all psychiatric community residences in the state. She is currently director of the legal side office in Waltham, where she supervises eight Boston College Law School students. They conducted workshops for us on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

Neil has a master's in human services and a Ph.D. in psychology. He is a certified social worker, and has worked as an aide in a psychiatric hospital, as clinical director of Wild Acre Inns, a private organization near Boston, and as director of residential programs for a state-funded community mental health center. He is vice-president of the Massachusetts Council of Community Residence Providers for the Mentally Ill, an organization which Gould Farm joined as a charter member. Our treasurer, Virgil Stucker, is currently the treasurer of that organization.

The development of our Boston area program is intended to help those Gould Farm guests who have prepared themselves for competitive employment but who may still find a place to live and a supportive community helpful as they seek to become personally and financially self-sustaining. The Gould Farm Board has appropriated funds for Neil's salary and for a first building for apartments in some proximity to Farrington House.

— Kent Smith

On October 10 five people who call themselves, and of whom we think as, Gould Farm alumni, came to spend the weekend here. Three of them are "graduates" also of Farrington House. One is still there. Four are living independently in their own apartments. All are working and doing well.

Scott Cale came to the Farm early in September, after working with the Peace Corps in Guatemala for two years. While there he read about Gould Farm in a news sheet. His previous home was in Pittsburgh. He attended Carnegie-Mellon University, receiving a degree in business and economics. He is at present working in the business office here as assistant to the treasurer, Virgil Stucker.

Susan Bronson arrived at about the same time. She had lived in New York City before attending Simon's Rock for a year. There she heard about Gould Farm. She continued college at Emory University in Atlanta, graduating with a degree in political science. After a summer spent traveling in the Soviet Union, she came here as a work leader. She plans, after leaving the Farm, to study law.

Chris Stevenson, now also a work leader, spent two summers helping at Nature's Classroom Outdoor Education Center in Monterey, where he met Barbara Kerwin, who told him about Gould Farm. Chris comes originally from West Hartford. He graduated from Linden, Vermont, state college with a degree in recreation and outdoor recreation.

— Rose McKee

MONTEREY GRANGE NEWS

Monterey Grange #291 met October 20. Deputy Alicia Brazie was present for Ritual and Officers Instructions.

Ray Ward, Terry Callan, Tillie Butler and Eleanor Kimberly won prizes for their hobo costumes. Judges were Betty Wilber from Sandisfield Grange and Lillian Marteri and Walter Schaller from Stockbridge Grange. Members furnished a hobo lunch.

Monterey Grange #291 met November 3 for Neighbors Night. Members brought articles for the country store.

Members attended from Beacon, Riverton, and Hope, Connecticut, and from Great Barrington, Sandisfield, Stockbridge, Umpachene, West Stockbridge, Williamsburg, and Cummington. Deputy Alicia Brazie installed Overseer Tolitha Butler and Gatekeeper Margaret Cummings. Other State officers present were Janet Martin, a member of the Membership Committee, and Richard Wert, a member of the Youth Committee. They presented the following awards from the State Grange: First Prize in Safety Contest to Lecturer Mary Wallace (check for $100.00 and a plaque for Community Service Work and Lecturer's Performance Award). To Eleanor Kimberly, first prize for a poem and a check for first, second, and third prizes in the Art and Photo Contest. The first-prize slides have gone to National Grange for judging.

To Florence Brown and Eleanor Kimberly, first prize for Conservation Exhibit. To Florence Brown, first prize for Grange Booster of the Year. To Amy Enoe, third prize for Membership Display.

Visiting granges furnished an enjoyable program.

The next meeting will be November 17. There will be a Conservation Program in charge of Florence Brown and Eleanor Kimberly.

— Mary Wallace

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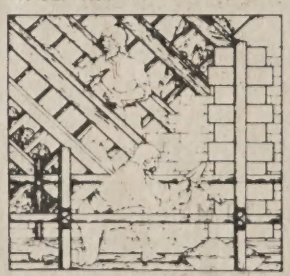

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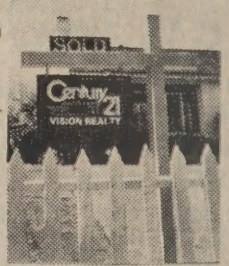

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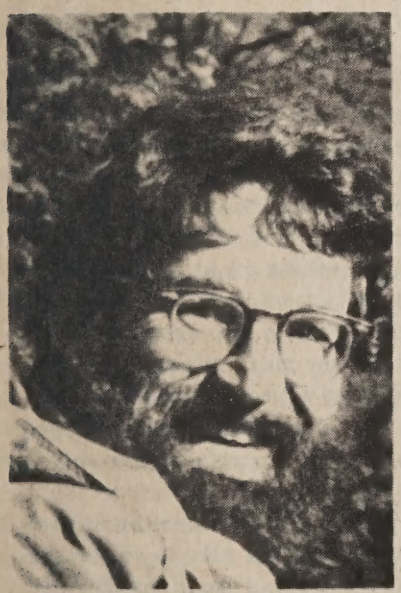
BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

PLANNING BOARD

In September the Planning Board received an application for a Form A division of land on Hupi Road from Jerry F. Fenton of Beartown Road. The Board turned down the application, informing the applicant that one of the seven proposed lots did not meet State requirements for access. In October Mr. Fenton submitted a revised plan showing six lots, all of which meet Town requirements for frontage and lot size. The Board signed the plan, at the same time voting to notify Mr. Fenton of its concern that great care be taken to prevent erosion when access roads are built onto the property, as the land is a steep slope on the north side of Hupi Road.

— Joe Baker



JOE BAKER

Photograph by Susan McAllester

MONTEREY HISTORICAL SOCIETY

Rock Ridge, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Somers, is another Monterey property which has been nominated for listing in the National Register.

It was built in 1898 for Curtis Judd, a boyhood resident of Lee. The large house is a Victorian cottage so popular years ago as a summer home in New England. It is built of clapboard, stone and shingle with a 12′ porch surrounding almost three sides of the huge 36′ x 88′ building.

The excavation of the stone cellar required 266 pounds of dynamite, and the granite was used for columns supporting the porch roof as well as garden walls. The circular tower, a well-proportioned Palladian window, and the two-foot-square stone columns add to the beauty of this building. When built, it cost $45,000—a great amount for a summer cottage in those days.

— Sally Fijux

TOWN REPORT BEING ASSEMBLED

Cynthia Weber of the Town Report Committee is soliciting submissions by all Boards and Committees in Monterey of material for the Town Report. In addition, anyone who has participated in a project in town and who wishes it to "go down in history" should submit a description. Material may be given to Cynthia at the Town Offices.

BOARD OF APPEALS REPORT

At a hearing on October 13, extended from October 4, the Board of Appeals gave Judith Friedman permission to rebuild a house in a nonconforming location on "a sharp down-slope westerly of Lakeside Avenue." A special permit had been issued in October 1981 to expand the house in question with the condition that the septic system be brought up to Title V standards. Meanwhile, the house, whose sidelines encroached beyond zoning limits on the sidelines of its lot, was found to be irreparable and was torn down. Its owners inquired as to whether a second hearing might be necessary. By the time they received an affirmative answer, a new foundation had been installed on the site. Everything came to a halt until several problems had been addressed by the Board of Appeals. The newly revised zoning regulations, including height limitations, had recently been put into effect. The Friedmans had added a third bedroom to the original layout of the house. The location of the house and septic system relative to neighboring wells and septic systems had to be considered.

Finally, the Board issued permission with the condition that the building remain a one-family residence.

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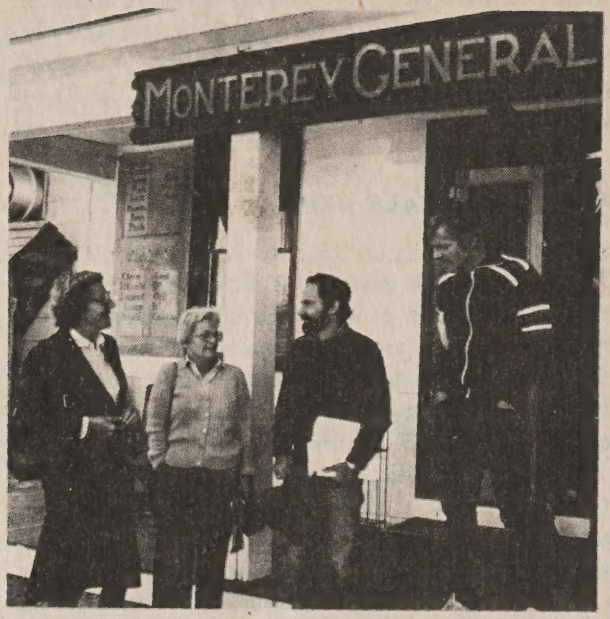

Monterey Selectmen Jed Lipsky and Stefan Grotz meet with Helen Stableford and Ruth Greenberg of Bethany, Connecticut. Photograph by Barrie Collins, Bethany, Connecticut.

EVACUATION PLAN SENDS BETHANY, CT, TO MONTEREY

On Saturday, October 2, three ladies from Bethany, Connecticut, came to visit Monterey. They spoke to Milly Walsh, Mickey Friedman, and Laura Dubester at the Mobil station. They later met with Jed Lipsky and Stefan Grotz at the General Store. The reason for their visit was to ascertain the feasibility of an evacuation of 3,000 people from Bethany to Monterey in the event of an all-out nuclear attack on the United States. Under the direction of the Federal Emergency Management Agency, local, state and national civil defense planners are upgrading the nation's civil defense plans. Shelter systems in areas considered to be prime targets are being improved and in addition plans are being developed to relocate residents from "high risk" areas, such as urban industrial centers, to safer areas in the country.

Evacuation instructions to Bethany are as follows: Go north on Route 8 to Route 23 and continue into Monterey. Bring as much food as possible. Leave pets behind. Accommodation space will be twenty square feet per person (about bed size). Food will be rationed to one meal a day. There will be 2,000 spaces available at New England Keswick, 308 at the United Church of Christ, 160 at the library, 140 at the firehouse, 190 at the General Store, 140 at the Crane Company (do they mean Tryon Construction Co.?), lesser numbers at camps, a laundry (?), and other small facilities. Milly's store is to house 40 people. Area food distributors will be asked to rechannel food so that host towns will get supplies usually sent to critical risk areas. The plan is based on the premise that a nuclear attack would be preceded by a period of international tension and crisis, giving time to remove people from target areas. Problems such as medical supplies and prisoner relocation have yet to be solved.

According to the *New Haven Register*, April 9, 1981, "Mass Civil Defense officials are now contacting local civil defense directors and fire and police chiefs through seminars to help them develop individual town emergency plans." Carl Champigny, Monterey's Civil Defense Director, says he has heard rumors of the plan but has received no formal notification. Carl, who is skeptical of the idea of mass relocation, expressed fears of "violence and looting." He predicts a fierce survival attitude on everyone's part, saying, "The old Yankees will get right up and tell you that if it happens they'll saw down that old maple right across the main highway."

None of the Monterey Selectmen had been informed of the plan. Hans Kessler calls the idea "another piece of nuttiness." Jed Lipsky, who, like Carl, foresees a state of anarchy, nevertheless is described in the *New Haven Register* of October 6 as being in agreement with Stefan Grotz that the town of Monterey will cooperate insofar as it is able.

Fire Chief Ray Tryon had heard nothing of the plan. His response was this: "First, most of them probably won't make it here. Second, I think the idea is ridiculous. Third, it's easy to tell three ladies from Connecticut on a sunny day that they can come to Monterey, but in a nuclear disaster I'm afraid they may not be so welcome. However, in past emergencies with cooperation between fire, police and civil defense departments we have been able to work things out. So if something like this is thrown at us, we'll do what we can."

Individuals and groups who are against the buildup of nuclear weaponry are critical of the plan as something which gives the public a false sense of security and which spends federal funds on a worthless exercise. Money for the work comes out of the Department of Defense funds. According to Barrie Collins, a reporter for the *New Haven Register* and one of the ladies who visited Monterey, over four billion dollars was projected to be spent nationally over a period of seven years on the plan. A Mr. Meister in the Massachusetts Civil Defense Headquarters in Framingham told us that the plan has two or three years to go and, so far, Massachusetts has been allocated about $150,000. As he pointed out, this allows about 3¢ per person expended in planning for the five million people in the 351 towns and cities in the Commonwealth.

In May of this year a committee named by the Pittsfield City Council to study the effects of nuclear war on the Pittsfield area was quoted May 27 in the *Berkshire Eagle* as saying that the plan is "based on a series of improbable premises, inaccuracies, and inadequately founded assumptions which render them unrealistic, unworkable and even dangerous in light of the current body of knowledge on the effects of nuclear weapons and the medical consequences of nuclear war."

In a letter written to the *Monterey News* on October 28, Barrie Collins says, "We all fell in love with Monterey and its people. You have a thoroughly delightful, and

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very beautiful, town." Virgil Brallier spoke to the Connecticut ladies and confirmed that during their visit "they got interested in the town, its community spirit, its energy conservation work." They expressed interest in attending a community dinner. There is no doubt that Monterey could host interested Bethany residents at a community dinner, maybe even get them through a hurricane or a tidal wave if it came to that, but as far as a plan to survive nuclear war, the town's attitude might best be summed up by Fran Amidon, who happened into Milly's in time to hear the group there chorus "No" to the Bethany ladies' question: "Is Monterey ready for us?" "Honey," says Fran, "it won't work."

ENERGY PROJECT MEETING SUMMARY

At its annual meeting on October 13 the Monterey Energy Project elected officers for the coming year. They are as follows: Milly Walsh, president; Alan Silverstein, vice president; Michele Miller, secretary; and Mickey Friedman, treasurer. It was voted unanimously to keep the present board of directors.

In his finance report, Mickey Friedman stated that the Project now has $2,942.00 in its account, $200 of that soon to be put into a SHARE account, SHARE being a newly formed credit-union-type system recently initiated in the Southern Berkshires by which small businesses which otherwise could not get conventional loans may receive money for certain purposes. This year's Energy Auction grossed $1,544 and incurred several hundred dollars of expenses. One hundred seventy-five dollars was spent to pay for securing the bulletin board to the General Store. There are $500 loans available through the Energy Project itself to townspeople doing energy-conserving work. At the moment there are several applicants being considered for these loans.

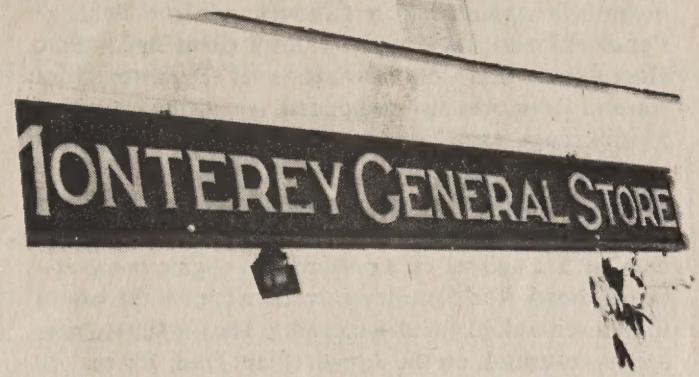
There was discussion regarding new uses for the old firehouse. It was announced that Laura Dubester and technicians from the Center for Ecological Technology are doing an energy audit of the buildi- he Town of Monterey. The audit, expected to take three to six weeks, will examine cost, payback and production relative to weatherization of the building.

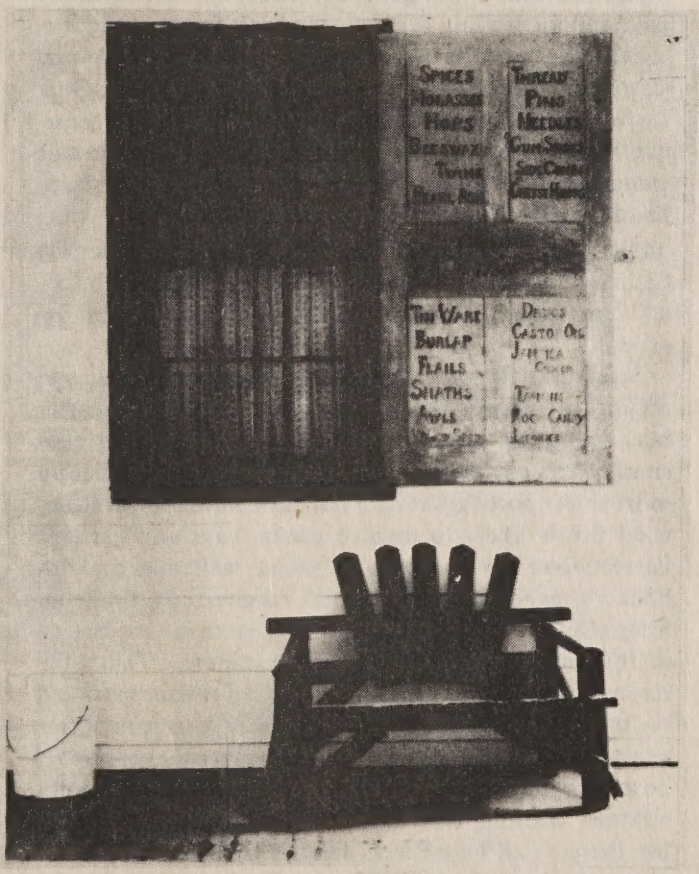
Al Silverstein and Laura Dubester, acting as volunteers from the Energy Project, have insulated the organ niche in the United Church of Christ with fiberglass and plastic, improving considerably the situation of the organist, who previously played the foot pedals at risk of frostbite.

ANNOUNCEMENT

Those who don't get an order in to the Energy Co-op are advised to come to the church on December 12 and buy bargain-priced weatherization materials outright.

— Monterey Energy Project





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FIRE COMPANY NEWS

On Saturday evening, October 30, two engines and twelve firemen from Monterey were called out to a woods fire in Beartown State Forest about a mile from Benedict Pond. Firemen and equipment from Great Barrington, Housatonic, and the Massachusetts Department of Natural Resources also responded. An engine from New Marlborough came over to stand by at the Monterey Firehouse. It took about five hours' work to put the fire out; then after the Monterey firemen got back around midnight they were called out again to help Forestry firemen lay line and set up a portable gas engine pump at a beaver pond. The Forestry crew didn't leave the woods until seven o'clock Sunday morning. The fire started near a steep overlook on the Appalachian Trail. It's easy to imagine some hiker's casual cigarette starting the whole thing, and once it got going the steep hill, the warm dry day, and an evening breeze made for a fast-moving fire.

Woods fires often demand strenuous legwork and stamina. They can spread fast and unpredictably. Still, the best tools, aside from essential alert common sense, are likely to be simple ones—Indian tanks (portable water cans that strap onto a fireman's back with short, handpumped hoses) for wetting leaves, grass, and wood on the ground, brooms or pine boughs for beating out the flames, and rakes or shovels for scratching up a boundary line around the fire to stall its progress over the ground.

Structural fires are different in many ways, but one major difference is that the smoke from organic matter burning in the open is much less toxic than housefire smoke. You can inhale a little woodsmoke and suffer no more than a sore throat for a few days, but a typical structural fire is likely to involve plastic bags and garbage barrels, foam insulation, vinyl siding, wallpaper and upholstery, acrylic carpet, formica countertops, linoleum floor tile, PVC and ABS pipe—you name it. One breath of this smoke can be lethal within minutes. That's the reason for the Scott S. C. B. A. air packs you see mounted on the side of Engine 2. A cylinder of compressed air strapped on the back and close-fitting face mask with air hose and regulator provide a fireman about twenty minutes' working time safe from poisonous fumes. We use them at all housefires. The air in these cylinders is compressed to about 3,000 pounds. It takes a special heavy duty compressor to fill the tanks, and that's some of why I'm telling you all this—we just bought one.

Leigh Tryon spotted a classified ad in a fire magazine for two such compressors and noticed the name of the seller, Queens Dairy, Watertown, New York. John Laura, who has a summer house in Monterey, works for Queens Dairy on Long Island. It was his generous help that got us our refrigerated truck, that once rattled over the streets of Brooklyn, and now serves in genteel retirement cooling food and drink for the steakroast and gravity car race. Leigh talked to John, and Queen Dairy, Watertown, is indeed the same company. They had two compressors for sale, and we only needed one. The Rosendale Fire Company near Newburgh, New York, was interested in the other.

Things fell right into place, and now, with a nod of thanks to John Laura and the Queens Dairy, we have acquired (at a bargain price) a high-pressure compressor for Monterey. The unit enables us to recharge an SCBA or SCUBA cylinder in about two minutes. The job used to take much longer, using the nearest compressor available, in Great Barrington, plus the trip there and back. The hassle involved in keeping the cylinders full always meant dry runs at fire practice. Now, with the new compressor at the firehouse, we can practice using the air all night long if we want. Eventually, the compressor may be mounted on a truck so tanks can be refilled at a fire scene. Other South Berkshire fire companies are always welcome to this service. Since breathing apparatus has become so essential to modern firefighting, it's a pleasure to have at hand the equipment needed to serve the equipment.

The building that's looked more or less whole for some weeks is now being fitted with essential internal parts, and interior finish work continues. Tom Kennedy from Otis has been assembling the elaborate-looking hot-water heating system, fired by a woodburning furnace backed up by an oil furnace. The solid blue bay doors are in place behind the glass doors, and the envelope they make is ready to collect air warmed by the sun to help heat the big room. Wainscot's in place in the halls and meeting room, and it's going up now in the apparatus room. Soon it'll be time for the long-anticipated open house, and possibly that same evening the country dance for which Mountain Laurel has offered their music. The may come before your December *News*, so watch for an announcement. We don't want to open our new house before you know it.

— Peter Murkett

THE COMMITTEE FOR THE MONTEREY FIRE COMPANY

The Monterey Fire Company, Ltd., of Monterey has announced that it has raised in donations and pledges, $76,431.90 through November 1, 1982.

NOTES FROM THE MONTEREY POST OFFICE

The Christmas stamps are now available. There will also be a special 13¢ stamp for postcards.

For the stamp collector we have several new items, including the 1982 Commemorative Mint Set. These also make nice gifts.

Remember to mail your overseas packages early. Check with the post office for the deadline dates to insure delivery by Christmas.

For the letter or parcel that has to be delivered fast, use our Express Mail. Next-day delivery guaranteed or your money back.

NAME _____ ADDRESS _____ PHONE _____

Return this form by 5:00 p.m. Thursday, November 18 to Walsh's Mobile Station or mail to the Monterey Energy Project, Box 125, Monterey, MA 01245. Prices may vary slightly. Pick-up and payment on Saturday, December 11, United Church of Christ (social room) between 10:00 a.m. and 12 noon. Product descriptions available at Walsh's Mobile Station.

	How Many?	Price	Total
WATER CONSERVATION:			
1. Faucet Aerator		$ .60	
2. Low-Flow Showerhead		3.70	
3. Low-Flow Showerhead with Shut-off		5.50	
4. Toilet Dam		3.45	
CAULK:			
5. Rope Caulk (90 feet)		1.90	
6. Elastomeric Copolimer (per tube)		2.65	
7. Acrylic Latex (per tube)		1.25	
8. Caulking Gun		1.75	
WEATHERSTRIPPING:			
9. Plastic V-strip (per foot)		.19	
10. Plastic V-strip (180 foot roll)		27.00	
DOOR KITS:			
11. Wood & vinyl bulb, 1 inch wide		4.90	
12. Wood & vinyl bulb, 1½ inch wide		6.15	
13. Aluminum & vinyl		3.30	
DOOR SWEEPS:			
14. Aluminum & vinyl, single flap		.95	
15. Aluminum & vinyl, triple flap		1.95	
WINDOW TREATMENTS:			
16. Polyvinyl Rolls (4' x 50')		3.50	
17. Clear Reusable Vinyl Storms : 40" x 50"		6.50	
50" x 80"		8.15	
18. Warm Window: per square foot		2.60	
19. Therma Shade: per square foot		3.85	
20. Sun Saver : small (34" x 48")		29.00	
medium (26" x 56")		34.00	
large (36" x 62")		38.00	
PIPE INSULATION:			
21. Pre-shaped foam: ½" wide, 3 foot section		.65	
3/4" wide, 3 foot section		.75	
WATER HEATER JACKETS: (do-it-yourself) 60 gallon tank		7.00	
22. 80 gallon tank		9.00	
23. GLASS PATCH TAPE: (2" x 25 foot rolls)		.95	
24. DUCT TAPE: 30 foot rolls		.85	
25. PULLEY SEALS : (pair)		1.05	
26. SWITCHPLATE & OUTLET GASKETS : each gasket		.05	
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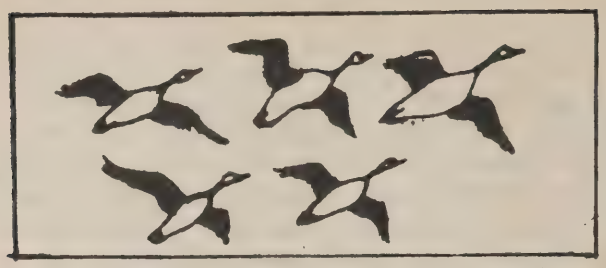


Listen . . . Geese!

In North America we are generously blessed with Canada geese. In every state of the continental U. S. we can see them swimming in the wetlands or grazing on grassy lowland fields and pastures. At night or in stormy weather when we can't see them, we can hear the flocks of big birds making social talk, or sometimes one or two lone geese calling for company and landing advice. Wherever you see them or hear them these powerful, handsome creatures are bound to stir your soul.

Most people can recognize the Canada goose. There are eleven different subspecies, but all have the characteristic black head and neck with striking broad white chinstrap, and brownish-grey body with white underpinnings. The most common varieties are about three feet long and weigh seven to eight pounds, with a wingspan of about five feet. They have powerful black legs with webbed feet, and since their legs are set well forward under their center of gravity, geese are good walkers as well as swimmers. (Some waterfowl are built only for swimming, and have their legs set so far back that they can't walk at all.)

Geese are big, heavy birds, and watching them take off from land or water is as exciting as seeing a big jet leave the ground. They run hard, flap their strong wings and suddenly they are airborne, where they can fly 40 miles per hour and keep it up for 60 hours, with little rest. Some flocks migrate twice a year between Hudson Bay and the coast of North Carolina, while others just move a little south to open water and winter food supply, on river or sound. Although we think of them as travelling in huge migratory flocks, geese actually have a complex social structure based upon the nuclear family. The big flocks have been found to occur most often in multiples of six, which is the average size of the model goose family: two parents and four offspring.

Breeding and nesting occur in northern areas, from here to Hudson Bay. The geese take some time in choosing their lifelong mates, and once they have chosen they maintain a conservative, predictable, tradition-bound way of life. The goose chooses the nest site and builds the nest, usually of sticks or grasses or reeds. There she lays her eggs while the gander stands fierce guard. It is best not to approach nesting geese. J. J. Audubon was attacked and badly beaten by a gander once as he came too close, with artistic intent. Thee is even one account of a horseman who was knocked from his saddle and then had his arm broken by an angry gander.

After laying her eggs, the goose lines the nest with down. Once her down is plucked, the warmth of the mother's body can reach the eggs directly and after four weeks of incubation, the goslings are born. By the time they are nine weeks old, the young geese are ready to fly. The parents have been moulting during this time but the whole family is ready to fly by mid-September when the first migrations begin from Hudson Bay.

Here in Massachusetts, Canada geese have been seen in every month of the year. Some people feed geese during the winter, some have domestic flocks of Canada geese, and some wild geese will join domestic flocks. Sometimes a domestic goose will answer the ancient urge to migrate, find a mate in a wild flock, and then return to its home farm, family and all. Pair-bonding, mating for life, and close family ties, combined with a strong tendency to return to the same nesting ground year after year have resulted in local variations among goose clans. Generation after generation, one unusually large pair and its offspring may return to the same territory. Inbreeding occurs, and certain genetic characteristics prevail, and soon ornithologists are describing a new subspecies of large Canada geese. In fact, this has occurred in the Missouri River valley where *Branta canadensis maxima*, the giant Canada goose, nests in rocky cliffs high above the river and grows to be twice the size of our common Canada goose. Every summer after hatching, the goslings tumble 100 feet or more from the cliff nests and cross a railroad track and a swift river channel to reach the grassy islands and backwater feeding grounds where they spend their first summer. They fly south with their parents, and the ones who survive the hunters of autumn return to the same stretch of river and cliffs to continue the traditions of their subspecies and particular family.

Geese make fine pets, and as such they may show us something of ourselves. Konrad Lorenz made famous studies of Greylag geese in Germany, particularly with regard to imprinting and bonding. Geese and ducks can easily form attachments to other animals and people. At Simon's Rock there is a flock of Greylags who have been joined by a wild Canada goose. On Chestnut Hill Road in Monterey there is a Muscovie duck in love with a Shetland pony. On Lake Garfield there is a family of four Canada geese who have been joined by a Mallard duck who is always seen with them. In the case of the wild ducks and geese, what will happen at migration? Will the bonding prevail, and the duck remain with his goose family? This small family of Lake Garfield geese faces another problem. One of the geese was wounded by a gunshot three weeks ago and will never fly again. So far the family (and duck) stay with the wounded one, even when alarmed. When the lake freezes, they will have to resolve what must be quite a confusion of strong instincts and emotions.

The bird migrations are late this year, as our lazy Indian summer has stretched into November. Soon the winter will come to Hudson Bay, pushing the Canada geese to us. For two or three weeks we will hear them, harbingers of winter and symbols of the seasons. Winter has always come, but for thousands of years the honkers have kept their promise to return with the spring.

— Bonner McAllester

LOCAL LORE

INDIAN NOTES

Mahican and Mohegan

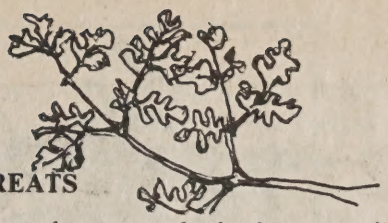
The similarity of the names has led to much confusion, especially since both groups were Algonquin-speaking tribes living within a few hundred miles of each other in the eastern United States. And who was "the last of the Mohicans"? All three names mean "People of the Moving Waters," and the different spellings may merely reflect dialectic differences, in pronunciation.

The Mohegan dialect is close to that of the Pequots. These two tribes lived on Long Island and in southern Connecticut east of the Connecticut River. The Mohegans allied themselves with the English colonists and, after King Phillip's War, were the strongest Indian presence in Southern New England. In 1676 they were among the Colonial militia that pursued the vanquished Nipmucks in their flight west through Monterey. In 1721 they still had possession of over 4,000 acres of their territory along the Thames River in Connecticut. But by 1775 their dwindling numbers and the pressure by whites for their land led many of them to move west to New York where the Oneida Indians offered them substantial land holdings in a stronger Indian community. This was ten years before the Mahican Indians of Stockbridge also joined the Oneidas for the same reasons.

The Sachem who led the Mohegans in their successful military and diplomatic career in the 17th century was Uncas. Their last Sachem, Ben Uncas II, died in 1769. The tragic dispersal of the Mohegan caught the imagination of one of America's first novelists, James Fenimore Cooper. One of the heroes of his Leatherstocking Tale, *The Last of the Mohicans* (1826), was named Uncas and was suppoed to be a scion of that chiefly family. However, he was entirely fictional and was not the last: there are still Mohegans in Connecticut and also in Wisconsin.

The Mahicans were related linguistically and culturally to the Munsee who lived west of the Hudson. The Mahicans formed a loose confederacy in the Housatonic and Hudson River valleys and with other tribes to the west such as the Shawnee and the Delaware. But they united with the Mohegans in a foray against the Mohawks in 1669 and mingled with them later in New York and, today, in Wisconsin.

— David P. McAllester



WINTER TREATS

Chives and parsley are two herbs that are easily moved to your windowsill for the winter. The more organized of us probably have some growing happily inside already, but it's not too late to act on impulse and get a few plants out of the ground before it freezes.

Select the youngest plants you have, taking care to get a good number of roots as you dig them up. If your chive clumps are old and huge, don't try to move the entire plant. Slice off a section with your trowel. You can fit a few parsley plants in a pot, but only put one clump of chives in each container. Use a potting soil similar to that you would use for house plants. Don't make it too rich at first because these plants need a resting period to get used to their new surroundings.

After you have potted the plants, trim them back . . . all the way back. The roots would like some time to rejuvenate without the responsibility of supporting a lot of top growth. Put the plants in a cool basement or pantry for a few weeks, keeping the soil somewhat moist. If you move them directly to the warm dry household atmosphere, the shock would be too much for them. After their stay in the cool dark room, they are ready for the sunny windowsill. Give the new growth a head start; then begin adding the greenery to your winter soups and stews.

— Susan Sellew
Rawson Brook Farm

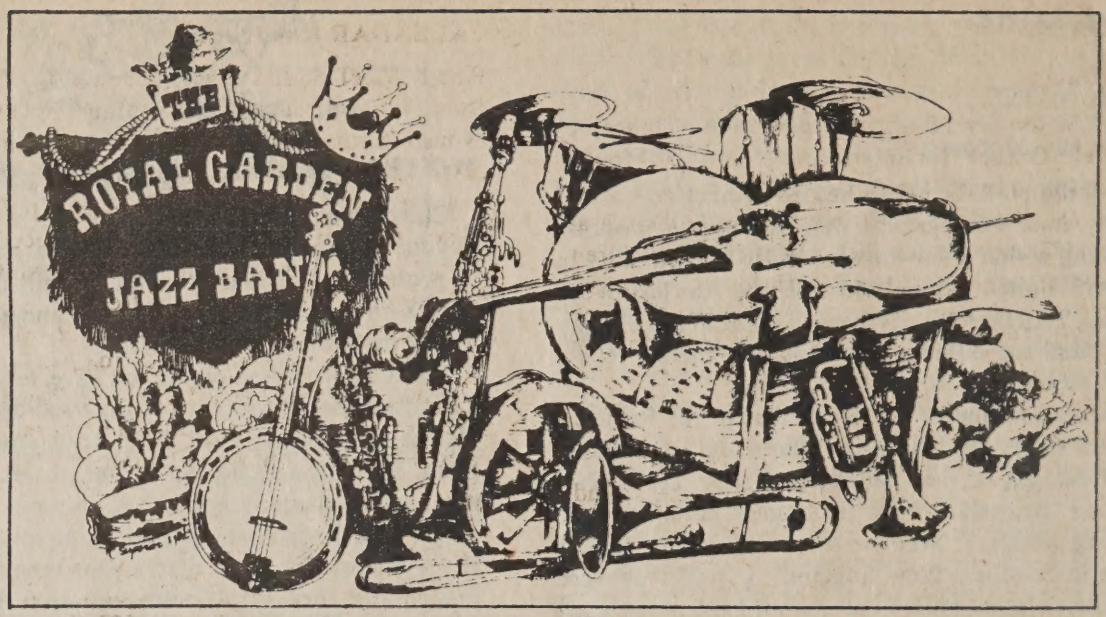
ARE YOU A LANGUAGE WHIZ?

Do you speak Latin? Greek? Arabic? Did I hear you say "no"? That you can't conceive (Lat.: *concipere* = to take in) of learning such esoteric (Gr.: *esoterikos* = designed for the specially initiated alone) languages, and that a sheik's (Ar.: *shaykh* = chief) ransom couldn't induce you to do so.

Except that for the past year you have traveled through the heavens with me and have made use of all three languages. Constellations and other asterisms bear Latin and Greek names as a rule. Ursus Major, Cygnus, Aquila and all the Zodiac signs have Latin names. Andromeda, Perseus, Bootes, Orion, Cepheus are names of Greek origin. Star names derive almost always from the Arabic. Rigel, in Orion, is Arabic for foot; Altair, in Aquila, is the flyer; Aldebaran, in Taurus, is the follower; Betelgeuse, in Orion, is the house of the twins (Castor and Pollux, perhaps?); Deneb, in Cygnus, is the tail of the hen—a reversing of Hans Christian Andersen's fairy tale of the Ugly Duckling turned into a swan.

There is a double star in the Big Dipper's handle, Mizar, the veil, and Alcor, the language. The American Indians referred to those two stars as the horse and rider. I don't know any Indian dialects, but you and I certainly know some Latin, Greek, and Arabic.

— Loul McIntosh



ARNOLD HAYES PLAYS JAZZ AT PITTSFIELD'S LIBRARY

The Royal Garden Jazz Band performed an hour-long concert at the Berkshire Athenaeum on Tuesday, October 19, at 7:30 p.m. as part of the Eighth Annual Library Arts Series. During the free program, the six-piece group offered both authentic New Orleans jazz and Dixieland selections.

Hank Nadig of Lenox, leader of the group, played trumpet and cornet. Appearing with him were Roy Superior of Williamsburg, clarinet and soprano saxophone; and Mike Krawitz of Great Barrington, trombone. Other members of the ensemble are Arnold Hayes of Monterey, string bass; Phil Mahoney of Lime Rock, Connecticut, banjo; and Randy Kaye of Stockbridge, drums. All members of the band have made guest appearances with well-know jazz groups, including The Jimmy Giuffre Quartet, The New Black Eagles Jazz Band, and The Preservation Hall Jazz Band.

The Athenaeum's guest artists have performed at Hamilton College in Clinton, New York; the Clark Art Institute in Williamstown and at Artabout.

Photograph by Susan McAllester

Debbie and Tony Reed—our Circulation Staff.

PERSONALS

John and Wendy Fields are the proud parents of a baby boy, John Walter, Jr., born Monday, October 18, at Fairview Hospital. Little John weighted 8 pound 4½ ounces and was 20½ inches long.

Sally Conklin of Tyringham Road has opened a private practice in nutrition consulting at 77 Church Street in Lenox. Her services range from advice on dietary changes to nutritional pharmacology.

Peggy O'Connor, daughter of Mrs. Denis O'Connor, has been named to receive the Daughters of the American Revolution Good Citizen Award at Mount Everett Regional School. Candidates for the award are selected annually by the senior class on the basis of character, dependability, leadership, service and patriotism.

Peggy plans to attend Bentley College in Waltham and will major in business communications.

Marcella Aguilar Lancome, daughter-in-law of Mr. and Mrs. Fred Lancome, was elected a Democratic State Committee member at a meeting in Northampton on October 23. She lives in Marblehead, Massachusetts.

Dick and Barbara Tryon celebrated their 34th wedding anniversary on October 9.

There was a memorial service for Stella Howes on October 30 at the United Church of Christ. Stella lived in Monterey next door to her daughter, Jan Lanoue, for the last 16 years. She was 90 years old when she died and was well loved by her friends and her family while she lived.

ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The *Monterey News* thanks the following for their contribution this month: Lea and Lee Richardson.

CALENDAR

Country Dance

Saturday, November 27—8:30 p.m. Country Dance at the Sheffield Grange, for intermediate dancers. Mountain Laurel Band, with Joe Baker, caller.
Saturday, December 11—8:30 p.m. Country Dance at the Sheffield Grange, for families; beginners and children welcome. Mountain Laurel Band, with Joe Baker, caller.

For information about these and other dances in the area, call 528-9385.

Dance

Saturday, November 20—Claire Porter, dancer and choreographer trained in Laban/Bartenieff Movement Analysis, will conduct a workshop. Dance Studio, Simon's Rock, 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 noon. Free.
Saturday, November 20—Claire Porter will present "Portables—Dances for Small Spaces," a dance series based on the composition of gesture. She combines aesthetic experience with delicate reference to everyday life in a vibrant, original program. Arts and Recreational Center, Simon's Rock. 8:00 p.m. Admission: $3.00; senior citizens and students, $2.00.

Films

Sunday, November 14—Alice's Restaurant, the 1969 film directed by Arthur Penn which reflects on the Army induction center, alternative lifestyles, and other 'sixties things; and *Amarcord*: Based on Fellini's recollections of his youth, this film tells the story of a young man in pre-war Italy who fantasizes about the freedoms of adulthood. Lecture Center, Simon's Rock. 7:00 p.m. A donation of $1.00 for adults and $.50 for children is requested from those without Simon's Rock Film Society Membership.
Friday, November 19—8½, the most influential film of director Federico Fellini's career, is the cornerstone of today's personal, referential cinema. And *Being There*, a late Peter Sellers film in which he portrays Chance, the gardener, a simple soul who views the world as he would TV. Lecture Center at Simon's Rock. 8:00 p.m. A donation of $1.00 for adults and $.50 for children is requested from those without Simon's Rock Film Society Membership.
Sunday, November 21—Being There and *8½*. See November 19, above. Lecture Center at Simon's Rock. 7:00 p.m. A donation of $1.00 for adults and $.50 for children is requested from those without Simon's Rock Film Society Membership.
Tuesday, November 23—As part of the Eighth Annual Library Arts Series, *How Green Was My Valley* will be shown at the Berkshire Athenaeum at 7:30 p.m. The Reverend Emerys P. Thomas, interim minister of the First Church of Christ in Pittsfield, Congregational, will introduce the film. The 1941 release is based on the novel of a Welsh mining family by Richard Llewellyn. Rev. Thomas, of Welsh parentage, has traveled in Wales and will describe the area where the Morgan clan lived. Roddy MacDowell is the youngest in the family and the story is told through his eyes. Maureen O'Hara appears as his beautiful sister Anaharad, and Walter Pidgeon is cast as the man of God, Mr. Gruffydd. "In purely pictorial terms," according to the review in *The New York Times*, the film "is a stunning masterpiece." Directed by John Ford, it was filmed in black and white. It runs for 112 minutes and admission is free.
Sunday, November 28—Arsenic and Old Lace. Taken from the Broadway play, this 1944 Frank Capra film stars Cary Grant, Peter Lorre and Raymond Massey. The plot, which centers around a harebrained, nonsensical scheme, is full of good humor.

Miscellaneous

Monday, November 15—Peter and Mary Alice Amidon will perform songs, stories and dances at Simon's Rock at 8:00 p.m. in the Oak Room of Blodgett House. Peter is the son of Fran and Dean Amidon of Sandisfield Road.

Wednesday, November 17—Blodgett Evening Series: David Jacke, a 1980 Simon's Rock graduate, will show slides from his visit to the People's Republic of China. The tour, sponsored by the New Alchemy Institute, included appropriate technologists, agriculturists, and people interested in alternative health care. Blodgett Oak Room at Simon's Rock. 8:00 p.m. Free.

MONITORS NEEDED FOR APPALACHIAN TRAIL

The National Park Service and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts have been working very hard to purchase lands surrounding the Appalachian Trail in Massachusetts, in order to create a "corridor," or buffer zone, around the path. The project has been very successful.

This year marks the beginning of a new program, known as "Corridor Monitoring," which will help to protect these newly purchased tracts around the Trail. Volunteer Corridor Monitors are responsible for inspecting these lands, each Monitor with his/her own assigned area, one to three times a year. Any problems are noted by the Monitor and are reported at the end of the year to the Corridor Monitor Coordinators.

Dave Hapgood of Williamstown and Mark Noepel of Pittsfield are the Coordinators for the program this year. They have recruited a number of people, but they are still in need of more monitors to help cover some crucial pieces of land.

Anyone who wants to become involved, or would like more information, should call or write Mark Noepel, 616 West Street, Pittsfield, 01201; (413) 445-4369.

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